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SUBJECT: RENEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
HIGH SEAS FISHERY OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN
(INPFC)

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1. USG OFFICIALS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE
APPROACH TO AUGUST INPFC NEGOTIATIONS, AS OUTLINED IN
REFTEL, WITH U.S. INPFC DELEGATION DURING MEETINGS HELD
JULY 11-12 IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. AS A RESULT, USG CAN
AGREE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PRELIMINARY TRILATERAL
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT SESSION PROPOSED BY GOC OFFICIALS.
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY DECISION TO APPROPRIATE GOC
OFFICIALS, DRAWING ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED THAT PROPOSED PLANS
FOR INPFC NEGOTIATION COMMUNICATED IN EARLY JUNE ARE NOT
ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. AS NOTED AT THAT TIME, USG HAS
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DETERMINED THAT INPFC IS PRESENTLY INCONSISTENT WITH FISH-
ERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT (PL 94-265) AND THUS
MUST BE PROMPTLY RENEGOTIATED UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT
LAW. AUGUST NEGOTIATION WAS PROPOSED IN LIGHT OF NECESSITY
FOR USG TO DECIDE BY FEB 10 WHETHER TO TERMINATE EXISTING
TREATY, OR REMAIN A PARTY UNTIL FEB 10, 1979.

B. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIAL, IF NOT COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON REVISIONS IN INPFC MUST BE REACHED AMONG SIGNATORIES BEFORE END OF YEAR, USG COULD AGREE TO PRELIMINARY TWO DAY TRILATERAL SESSION AUGUST 9-10, RATHER THAN FULL ONE WEEK NEGOTIATING SESSION. USG WOULD BE PREPARED AT THAT TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THOSE QUESTIONS SPECIFIED IN REFTTEL (GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE COVERED BY NEW ORGANIZATION, SPECIES TO BE COVERED, NATURE OF ORGANIZATION, AND MEMBERSHIP).

C. USG WOULD REQUIRE THAT U.S. DELEGATION AT AUGUST MEETING INCLUDE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTH PACIFIC AND PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS, AND POSSIBLY US INPFC COMMISSIONERS. USG WOULD PREFER THAT MEETING SITE REMAIN IN SEATTLE DUE TO ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THAT LOCATION. USG WOULD ALSO PREFER SCHEDULING OF FIRST FORMAL NEGOTIATION IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND ANTICIPATES DECISION ON SPECIFIC DATES AT AUGUST MEETING.

D. IF DESIRED, US OFFICIALS WILL BE PREPARED TO BRIEF CANADIAN DELEGATION ON GENERAL OUTLINES OF US INPFC POSITION DURING BILATERAL MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28-29 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE GOC CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF ABOVE APPROACH ASAP SO THAT MEETING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE FINALIZED. VANCE

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